

Longtime Franklin County prosecutor killed crossing street

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FREDERICKSBURG, Va. -- Stan Moore, a longtime Franklin County deputy prosecutor who went after justice "like a bulldog with a bone in his teeth," died Monday in Virginia.

Born Laurence Stanley Moore, he was the county's chief criminal deputy prosecutor for 24 years.

Moore, 82, was crossing a street in Fredericksburg, Va., when he was struck by a vehicle, according to the Fredericksburg News. He died at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg.

Moore helped give the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office credibility, said Jim Rabideau, a retired Franklin County prosecutor who worked with Moore for more than three decades.

Rabideau and Moore opened a joint private practice in Pasco and then took on part-time positions as county prosecutors in 1963.

Moore was dedicated and would spend hours on cases, Rabideau said.

He enjoyed training local police officers in the law and how to do their jobs efficiently, Rabideau said, which was important because the state didn't have a law enforcement academy then.

Moore also helped start the practice of having the first officer or detective on the scene of a crime appear in court with the prosecutors, he said. They did that for more than 20 years.

Moore was a tenacious prosecutor, Rabideau said.

"He was like a bulldog with a bone in his teeth," Rabideau said.

Moore received his law degree from the University of Washington Law School, then started practicing law in the Tri-Cities in 1956. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Moore ran for Franklin County prosecutor in 1986 after Rabideau decided not to run for re-election. He lost to Dennis DeFelice, who eliminated the chief deputy prosecutor position. Moore stayed on as a deputy prosecutor, taking a pay cut from \$43,378 to \$33,000, according to Herald files.

He worked for the prosecutor's office until September 1987, according to Herald files.

Duane Taber of Pasco, a retired Benton-Franklin Superior Court judge, remembers Moore as a fine lawyer.

While still an attorney, Taber recalled, he argued cases that Moore prosecuted. He was fair and honest and a credit to the county, Taber said.

"His word was solid gold," Taber said. "He was a gentleman in court."

After Moore quit the prosecutor's office, he worked on juvenile cases for a couple of years, Rabideau said. Then he moved to Fredericksburg to be closer to his daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren.

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